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VOTE "YES" ON CALIFORNIA STATE PARK BONDS— PROPOSITION NUMBER 4 ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

One of the greatest opportunities to do some really constructive and definite work in furtherance of parks and the out-of-door movement generally is now open to our members. Proposition Number 4 on the State ballot to be voted on November 6th provides for the issuance of \$6,000,000 in State bonds to be matched by \$6,000,000 raised from private or other sources. The State will advance its share as rapidly as an equal amount of money is available for any particular project. A comprehensive State-wide park survey is now being carried on under the direction of Frederick Law Olmsted, one of the leading park and landscape authorities in the United States, and the Governor has appointed a State Park Commission of open-minded and competent individuals to determine which of the projects recommended by the survey are feasible and desirable for the State to acquire. Our members already appreciate the many advantages of a proposition which is so thoroughly favorable to the State, receiving, as it will, double value for every piece of land bought with State bond money. California is pre-eminently an outdoor State. Nowhere else in the Union is there such a great variety of wonderful scenery combined with so delightful an all year climate, where these scenic attractions can be so thoroughly enjoyed. Millions in actual money are being brought into this State and spent every year in increasing amount by tourists who are attracted by these wonders. We are rapidly constructing a magnificent highway system to reach all parts of the State. And yet, a large part of this great expenditure will become futile if our superb forests along these highways are cut down and if the public are excluded by private owners from our magnificent beaches. If we delay in acquiring these essential areas they will in a few years cost many times more, as some of the Eastern states have learned by sad experience, and, in many instances, they will have passed beyond all possibility of preservation. Each one of our members can aid in this important work by not only voting in favor of the bonds, which costs no effort, but by working vigorously and urging others to vote "yes." Get your local papers to publish favorable editorials and speak in favor of this bond issue before organizations. You can obtain literature giving detailed reasons for a favorable vote from the California State Parks Council, 114 Sansome Street, San Francisco. Get every voter you can reach to vote "yes" on the California State Park Bonds Act—Proposition Number 4 on the November ballot.

PRESERVE CALIFORNIA'S PRICELESS HERITAGE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

Vote YES on Amendment No. 4—California State Park Bonds— Election November 6th.

By SENATOR A. H. BREED, Author, State Park Bills

California's finest ocean beaches are being fenced off and lost to the public. The Redwoods, oldest of living things, are being cut. Many other natural attractions and historic landmarks will soon be gone unless the State acts now to save some of them.

The aim of the State Park Bond Act is to preserve the best of the beaches and of the Redwoods, and other areas of outstanding interest throughout the State, in a comprehensive system of natural parks. The Act, passed unanimously by the Legislature of 1927 and approved by Governor Young, assures two dollars worth of parks for every dollar spent by the State, since it provides that bond moneys can be spent only when half the purchase price of any given park is raised by private donation or from sources other than the State. Since \$6,000,000 worth of bonds are authorized, this means that if they are all issued, California will possess, as a result of this dollar-for-dollar matching provision, \$12,000,000 worth of parks.

If California fails to save her finest scenic, recreational, historic and scientific areas, she will have lost her greatest asset. These attractions are the basis of our tourist business which, it is conservatively estimated, now annually brings California \$150,000,000 in new money, and is increasing year by year. California's rapid growth in population—close to a quarter of a million people annually—is exhausting present opportunities for outdoor life. What is the use of spending millions on our splendid highway system if the roads lead us to the blackened stumps of what once were mighty forests, and along a shore-line fenced off from the public, with signs: "Private Property—Keep Out!"

The remedy is the approval of the State Park Bonds and the establishment of an adequate system of parks for our people. California could not make a better investment for the future. For \$6,000,000 she will acquire \$12,000,000 worth of parks; year by year these properties will enhance in value and bring increased revenue to the State; many of them can be made virtually self-supporting. A well-administered park system will attract gifts of memorial park lands, such as that just made of Rubicon Point on Lake Tahoe. Already close to \$1,500,000 to match State bond moneys, if the voters approve the Act, has been promised by private individuals, many of them citizens of other states. Can the voters of California do less for their own State and can they afford to lose these generous offers of private gifts?

It is conservatively estimated that with the present increase of 200,000 population each year in California, the cost of preserving these priceless assets over the 30 year period of the bonds, if divided equally among our citizens, would be only four cents per person per year.

Assurance of a State-wide program that is comprehensive and fair; and of a wise expenditure of the bond moneys is given in the personnel of the newly-created State Park Commission: William E. Colby of San Francisco, Chairman; President Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford University; Henry W. O'Melveny and Major Frederick R. Burnham of Los Angeles, and ex-Senator W. F. Chandler of Fresno. Each purchase must also be approved by the Governor and the State Board of Control. A State-wide Park Survey to guide the Commission in its selections is being made under the direction of Frederick Law Olmsted, one of America's leading park authorities, and now a resident of Los Angeles County.

By approving the State Park Bonds, the voters will make a far-sighted investment of constantly increasing value for all of California.

G. ELMER REYNOLDS, 1884-1928

With the death of one of our Club members, G. Elmer Reynolds, Editor of the Stockton Record, of Stockton, California, the Sierra Club and the whole park movement, both National and State, have sustained a most serious loss. Mr. Reynolds was a most enthusiastic park worker, devoting a great amount of time wherever he thought he could accomplish favorable results. By reason of his guidance and leadership, the Stockton Record was easily the leading newspaper in the United States in its publication of park and out-of-door news of every sort. The Saturday edition regularly contained fine illustrations and a vast amount of information on this subject. It will be difficult, if not impossible, to find anyone who will be more devoted to the welfare of our public parks. The parks have lost one of their ablest and most effective champions.

CALIFORNIA MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The California Mycological Society has been formed to collect, study and classify species of fungi in California. Dr. W. A. Setchell, Miss Alice Eastwood, Dr. O. A. Plunkett, Dr. Lee

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Bonar and Miss Elizabeth E. Morse, Secretary, are among the leaders. Members of the Sierra Club interested in the subject are invited to join and assist in this work. There are no dues. The address is Botany Building, University of California, Berkeley.

BOOK NOTICES

Colonel John R. White, Superintendent of Sequoia National Park, a member of the Sierra Club, has written a book on his experiences in the Philippine Islands, entitled "Bullets and Bolos," published by The Century Co., October, 1928. This will be reviewed in the annual review number of the Sierra Club Bulletin published in February, 1929.

"THE FAR EAST: A POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC HISTORY," by Payson J. Treat, Professor of Government in Stanford University, has just been published by Harper's. Professor Treat is widely known among the members of the Sierra Club and has been a member of the Club's board of directors for a number of years. He is a recognized authority on governmental development and international relations in China, Japan, the Philippines and other countries of the Orient.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

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State of CALIFORNIA,
City and County of San Francisco } ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Wm. E. Colby, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the publisher of the Sierra Club Bulletin and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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WM. E. COLBY, Publisher.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of September, 1928.

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MARIE FORMAN, Notary Public.
(My commission expires January 9, 1929.)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NOTES

The Southern California Chapter's Annual Banquet, held Friday, October 12th, in the Hotel Alexandria, was a great success in every way, according to the expressions of the 200 members who attended. Their beloved Chef, Dan Tachet, again supervised the preparation of the dinner, with the result that they sat down to a wonderful repast.

The speeches were all short, snappy, and very much to the point, and there was not a lagging moment in the whole evening. The dance music which followed was excellent and was much enjoyed by all.

Almost the entire program was devoted to the State Parks Issue. The Toastmaster of the evening, Dr. Herbert S. Adair, who is also Chairman of the State Parks Committee of the Southern California Chapter, has been untiring in his efforts toward the forwarding of this issue. Major F. R. Burnham, member of the State Parks Commission, spoke very interestingly on some of the problems they had met with in their electioneering campaign "South of Market and East of Main." Mr. Hugh R. Pomeroy gave a very able speech covering the urgent necessity of preserving our Southern California Beaches from the inroads of the private owner. Dr. Ralph W. Chaney, of Berkeley, California, gave a most interesting and illuminating talk on the Antediluvian Wonders of the World, and on those species which are today found only within the State of California, and which he stated would soon be extinct unless drastic steps were taken toward their preservation.

The thrills and enjoyments of the High Trip this summer through Jasper National Park were very well presented by Mr. Barney Padway and when he finished those who had not gone on the trip all made a silent vow that they certainly would go next time!

Much credit is due to both the Chairman, Mr. Tyler R. VanDegrift and to the Toastmaster, Dr. Herbert S. Adair for the big success of the evening.

1929 OUTING OF SIERRA CLUB—NORTHERN PORTION OF JOHN MUIR TRAIL

Great interest has already been shown in the proposed outing of the Club for the summer of 1929, commencing about the last of the first week in July and ending about four weeks later, which will cover that portion of the John Muir Trail in the vicinity of the crest of the Sierra, traveling from Blaney Meadows north to the Tuolumne Meadows. The party will enter the mountains via Huntington Lake and return via Yosemite Valley. This will afford an exceptional opportunity to visit the Mount Humphreys Basin, Mono Recess, Mount Ritter and the Minarets, and intervening regions. As far as Club outings are concerned, it will cover the remaining portion of the John Muir Trail which has not heretofore been visited on any of the Club outings. The National Forest Service has just advised us that a bridge has been constructed across the South Fork of the San Joaquin and the trail otherwise improved leading from Florence Lake to Blaney Meadows. We are anxious to complete the list as early as possible and will appreciate having members who plan to take this trip send in their names in writing at once. This involves no obligation but is necessary to gain some idea of the size of the party so that preparations can be made.

ANNUAL REUNION DINNER OF SIERRA CLUB DECEMBER 8, 1928

It has been decided to try a new plan for the Annual Dinner of the Sierra Club given in San Francisco this year. The main auditorium of the Women's City Club of San Francisco, 465 Post Street, has been secured and will seat approximately three hundred at dinner. The program will have new and most interesting features and will be followed by dancing. It will afford a fine opportunity for members who have taken outings, either this year or in years past, to get together and revive mountain memories. The cost of the dinner will be approximately \$2.25 per person. Friends of members are welcome. A detailed announcement will be mailed to Northern California members toward the end of November.



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